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Sent via email to: mikerav@verizon.net

Mr. Michael Ravnitzky
1905 August Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20902

Dear Mr. Ravnitzky:

This is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests dated February 9, 2016. Your requests were received in our office on the same day and assigned FOIA case numbers:

DON-NAVY-2016-003366

DON-NAVY-2016-003369

DON-NAVY-2016-003371

We have identified 264 pages of documents that are responsive to your request. Upon review of these documents, we have determined that they contain instances of deliberative process privileged material, are predecisional in nature, and/or contain working versions of documents, and are thus exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). These records were originated by or in concert with the Director, Environmental Protection Safety and Occupational Health Division (N45) containing drafts and/or proposals of documents not in their final form, and, therefore, are exempt from disclosure.

Additionally, we have determined that they contain instances of personally identifiable information (PII), such as the names of junior committee members. These instances of PII are exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), since release of this information would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of their personal privacy.

Because your request is partially denied, you are advised of your right to appeal this determination by writing to:

Office of the Judge Advocate General
1322 Patterson Ave, SE, Ste 3000
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

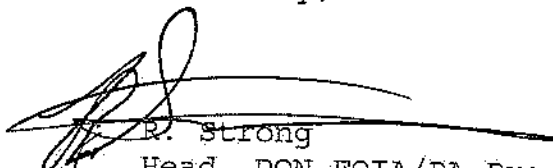
Your appeal must be postmarked within ninety calendar days from the date of this letter. A copy of your initial request and this letter must accompany the appeal. The appeal should be marked "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL" both on the envelope and the face of the letter. In order to expedite the appellate process and ensure full consideration of your appeal, your appeal should contain a brief statement of the reasons you believe this decision to be in error.

In this instance, the fees associated with processing this request were below the minimum threshold and have not been assessed. Please be advised, however, that fees, fee categories, and fee waivers are determined on a case-by-case basis, and a previous determination has no influence on future determinations.

For this determination, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the DoD Navy Component FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Chris Julka, at Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031.

Questions regarding the action this office has taken to process your request may be directed to our FOIA Service Center at (202) 685-0412.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Strong", written over a horizontal line.

R. Strong
Head, DON FOIA/PA Program Office
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